

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL
PO BOX 39 HARPSWELL, ME 04079**

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

Please read instructions on reverse side before filling out this application.

1. Name of Applicant: _____ Tel: _____
2. Address of Applicant: _____
3. Tax Map & Lot # & Location of Property (if different from address): _____
4. Tax year for which abatement is requested: _____ Account Number: _____
5. Assessed valuation of Real Estate: _____ Personal Property: _____
6. Abatement requested in valuation: Real Estate: _____ Personal Property: _____
7. Reasons for requesting abatement: (Please be specific, stating grounds for belief that the property is overvalued for tax purposes. Attach additional informant and supporting documentation).

To the Board of Assessors of the Municipality of Harpswell,

In accordance with the provisions of M.R.S.A., Title 36, Section 841, I Hereby make a written application for abatement of property taxes as noted above. The above statements are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

This application must be signed and a separate application to be filed for each separately assessed parcel of real estate claimed to be overvalued.

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Instructions:

The initial appeal must be made to the Assessors in writing within 185 days from the date of commitment of the tax.

The Assessors may hold a hearing with the taxpayer or representative at which time all matters concerning the appeal will be considered. The taxpayer or representative is not required to be present at the hearing.

The Assessors will give written notice of their decision within ten (10) days of final action. Failure to do so after sixty (60) days shall deem the appeal denied.

The taxpayer may appeal in writing to the Cumberland County Board of Assessment Review with sixty (60) days of the Assessors' denial.

Line 1 – Print full name of party assessed; Phone number to be reached at if any questions.

Line 2 – Current mailing address.

Line 3 – Tax Map & Lot Number as indicated on the tax bill and property location.

Line 4 – Tax Year and Account Number as indicated on the tax bill.

Line 5 – Show the accrual assessed valuation of the particular parcel of real estate covered by this application and/or the valuation of personal property.

Line 6 – Show the amount by which you believe the valuation should be reduced. For example, if the valuation (shown in Question 5) is \$3,000, and you believe it should be \$2,500, the entry should be \$500.

Line 7 – Please be specific in identify your property that you believe to be overvalued.

Valuation should be in accordance with the actual worth of the property and in line with the assessment percentage as of April 1. This percentage is reported to the State Assessor and posted in the Commitment Book.

The abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$ _____ valuation.

The abatement requested is denied. You have sixty (60) days from the date this notice is received to appeal this decision to the Cumberland County Commissioners. You are further notified of certain payment requirements pursuant to M.R.S.A., Title 36, Section 843 (4) or Section 844 (4) in order to enter an appeal from this decision.

Date: _____

_____, Chairman

Assessors, Town of Harpswell